

Commencement Closes At Newberry College

Twenty-Six Graduates—Two Hundred Thirty One Enrolled During Past Session—Federal Judge C. A. Woods Delivers Literary Address—Medals and Prizes Awarded.

There are two events in the life of the city of Newberry every year—the closing of Newberry college, or commencement week in June, and the opening of the college in September. Last Wednesday at half past twelve o'clock at the opera house Rev. L. P. Boland pronounced the benediction and the 1915-16 session of Newberry college passed into history, and the class of 1916 sent out into the world 26 young men and women who have been taught to make the world better for their having lived in it.

This is a large class and has made an enviable record for deportment as well as displaying a degree of intellectual powers much above the average class. There are three handsome and highly accomplished young ladies in the class who have contributed largely to the general high standing of the class and who have lent a charm and set an ideal for the 23 young men of the class to follow during their 4 years course. These young ladies are: Annie Bessie Lake, daughter of Dr. W. E. Lake of the city; Miss Estelle Caldwell, daughter of Mr. J. A. Caldwell of the suburbs of the city and Miss Nancy Werts, daughter of Mr. R. M. Werts of Gary.

The commencement exercises began last Saturday night with a contest in declamation followed by the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning by Dr. J. H. Harms, the sermon Sunday night to the Y. M. C. A. by Rev. P. E. Monroe of Summerland and Monday morning, class day exercises at the college.

On Monday night the junior class contest in oratory took place at the opera house. The house was literally packed and the young men acquitted themselves with much credit to themselves and to the college. The young men who spoke and their subjects follow.

The Great Army—W. H. Wicker.
The New Preparedness—R. M. Pool.
The Revival of National Conscience—S. M. Derick.
Lest We Forget—E. W. Fisher.
The Conservation of Natural Resources—V. C. Oxner.
The Mantle of the Pioneer—E. K. Bodie.
The Dream That Will Come True—A. Vigodsky.
The Man Who Knows—O. B. Mayer, Jr.

Rev. F. E. Dibble, one of the judges, appeared on the stage at the close of the contest and presented the medal in a happy manner to Mr. S. M. Derick.

On Tuesday morning the alumni association was addressed by J. B. Hunter, Esq., on the subject, "Newberry College—Her Needs." Mr. Hunter's address was timely and practical as it dealt with the problems confronting the college and why and how they should be solved. Mr. Hunter is a good lawyer and a man of large business capacity as well as of sound judgment.

Immediately after Mr. Hunter's address the association went into a business session concerning the needs and affairs of the college. Mr. Rufus M. Monts of Cochran, Ga., was chosen as the next alumni orator. All of the officers were reelected, as follows: B. V. Chapman, president; Charles P. Barre, vice president; A. J. Bowers, Jr., secretary and Dr. E. B. Setzler, treasurer.

The address to the literary societies, of which there are three, was to have been made, as usual, on Tuesday night but the electrical storm and the rain about half an hour before the exercises were scheduled to start, interfered and the address was postponed to Wednesday. In spite of the inclement weather a small crowd had gathered and waited patiently until 9 o'clock when Dr. Harms appeared on the stage and announced that on account of the small attendance

and the absence of the speaker who had been deterred from reaching the city from the home of Mr. Thos. W. Keitt where he was stopping, the exercises were called off. He said, however, that Judge Woods, the speaker, would be placed on Wednesday's program.

On Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock the class day exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. E. W. Leslie of Prosperity. There were six speakers chosen from the class who spoke in couples interspersed with music. They were:

Salutatory—G. Dewey Oxner
"Loyalty"—Kenneth R. Kreps.
"Newberry's Needs"—Lance Swindler.
"The Virility of the Pulpit"—Charles E. Ridenhour.
"The Plague of Politics"—Carroll D. Hipp.

Valedictory—James C. Kinard.
At the close of the graduating speeches Dr. Cromer came forward and in a few happy remarks introduced Hon. Charles A. Woods, district federal judge who was to have made the address the night before to the literary societies.

Judge Woods took "Fiction" as his subject and discussed it, not from the standpoint of literary production, as one might surmise, but from the viewpoint of laws and customs that time and experience have shown to be unsound and fallacious. The speaker compared the legal status of a married woman in her property rights of fifty years ago when her husband became the owner of all her property at marriage and became responsible for all her debts contracted before marriage—compared these rights with the privilege of a married woman of today to hold property in her own right.

Another fiction that might pass away is the right to hold unimproved property and he took real estate as an example to show that there is a large number of owners of farm lands residing in our towns and cities who make no attempt to improve their lands but wait for their value to rise by reason of the improvement of surrounding lands. His premise was that the ownership of property is more of a trust than a right. Judge Woods closed with some strong words of advice to the graduating class.

Upon the conclusion of Judge Woods' address Dr. Harms announced that James C. Kinard had won the first honor of his class and that G. Dewey Oxner had won second honor.

The presenting of diplomas and of medals then took place, the following being a list of those receiving diplomas.

Ralph Barre Baker, engineering, Greenwood, S. C.
Roy Lester Ballentine, arts, Chapin, S. C.
Jefferson Holland Bedenbaugh, arts, Prosperity S. C.
Herbert Thurston Boland, arts, Springfield, S. C.
George S. Bowden, arts, Wilmington, N. C.
J. C. Brooks, arts, Prosperity S. C.
Estelle Caldwell, arts, Newberry, S. C.
George Augustus Clauss, arts, Charleston, S. C.
George Benton Derrick, arts, Little Mountain, S. C.
Clarence C. Epting, engineering, Pomaria, S. C.
Wilbur Lee Epting, arts, Prosperity, S. C.
Carroll Dewey Hipp, arts, Newberry.
James Thompson Kinard, arts, Newberry, S. C.
Kenneth R. Kreps, arts, Columbia, S. C.
Bessie Anita Lake, arts, Newberry, S. C.
Homer Rauch Long, arts, Prosper-

ity, S. C.
P. E. Monroe, arts, Concord, N. C.
George Dewey Oxner, arts, Kinard, S. C.
Charles E. Ridenhour, arts, Concord, N. C.
William Thornwell Senn, arts, Newberry, S. C.
James William Smith, arts, DeSoto, Ga.
James Lancelot Swindler, arts, Newberry, S. C.
John Francis Taylor, engineering, Newberry, S. C.
Nancy Werts, arts, Newberry, S. C.
Jesse Walter Wessinger, engineering, New Brookland, S. C.
George Wright, engineering, Newberry, S. C.

Dr. Harms' farewell address to the graduating class was heart touching and beautiful. James C. Kinard on behalf of the class responded and as a token of loyalty to the college presented it with 22 ten year endowment life insurance policies of \$100 each amounting to \$2200 available after 10 years.

Medals and prizes were presented in the following order:

First honor medal to James C. Kinard.
Sophomore Greek medal to E. W. Fisher.
Essay medal to Kenneth R. Kreps.
History medal to James C. Kinard.
Philosophy medal to James C. Kinard.
German medal to Miss Amy Werts.
Mathematics medal to Lance Swindler.
Science medal to Thornwell Senn.
The medal for the highest average for promotion from the freshman to the sophomore class was presented to Miss Catherine Harms.

The silver loving cup given by Col. John F. Hobbs of New York to the student making the highest average in scholarship was presented to James C. Kinard.

Dr. Harms announced that the next session would open on September 21, 1916. He also stated that Prof. Frank W. Chapman of the tech department had resigned and that Prof. H. W. Jarrett of Charleston, W. Va., had been chosen to succeed Prof. Chapman. Dr. Harms spoke in highly complimentary terms of Prof. Chapman's work.

Mr. Henry M. Buland of Jacksonville, Ill., will succeed Mr. W. H. Shaw as physical director.

Mr. James C. Kinard of the graduating class has been retained as an instructor for the next session.

Prof. A. J. Bowers and Prof. Gilbert P. Voigt will resume their former places on the faculty in September.

The enrollment for the session just closed was 231.

WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

The West End Baptist church was struck by lightning Tuesday evening during the electrical storm which struck Newberry about 8 o'clock and was completely ruined—nothing but the charred walls left standing. The fire alarm was sounded and the fire ladders responded promptly but the fire gained headway so rapidly that very little could be done except to save near by residences from the flames. The property was valued at about \$5000. The congregation carried insurance to the amount of \$2000 leaving a loss of something like \$3000.

The officers of the church met at the residence of Mr. J. Marion Davis Wednesday night to formulate plans for the future. There seems at present no doubt that the church will be rebuilt immediately and along new and improved lines. The old church had a seating capacity of about 350 and was well and handsomely furnished.

Preparations for rebuilding will be made at once. Voluntary donations from friends in the city and county will be accepted and appreciated.

Mr. W. T. McKenney and Mr. J. Y. Jones are authorized to receive contributions.

The Winthrop Daughters will meet Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock with Mrs. W. A. Dunn. All Winthrop students and former students are invited and those who can attend will please notify the hostess.

WHITMIRE SCHOOL AUSPICIOUS CLOSING

It is the Pride of the Community—Interesting Program—Prizes and Diplomas Awarded.

"Learn to live, and live to learn, Ignorance like a fire doth burn, Little tasks make large return."

I would commend this sentiment, expressed by Bayard Taylor in his ode to his daughter, to every son and daughter, who should aspire to the larger opportunities afforded every student nowadays in our primary and secondary institutions of learning.

That many are taking advantage of these opportunities is very apparent to the thoughtful observer at the several school exhibitions which are fast drawing to a close.

The Whitmire graded school commencement exercises, held Monday evening, June 5, proved a striking confirmation of this thought, the published program indicating strenuous labor on the part of teachers, and careful preparation, by the pupils. In fact, as I entered the large auditorium of the commodious school building, my mind at once was impressed with the idea of success as the dominant tone and regnant quality of the entire community, witnessed particularly on this occasion by large attendance, patient hearing, and hearty interest. The audience was eager to take in every part presented, and evinced generous applause to the young contestants in debates, recitations and declamations. And the musical numbers, were as heartily appreciated.

It should go without saying that any well conducted school such as the Whitmire will be sure of success, if supported as genuinely as this school is by the citizens of Whitmire and surrounding country. The trustees, Messrs. Z. H. Suber, T. W. Coleman, A. P. Hurt, are well known to be progressive in thought and liberal in their support, in means and time devoted, without which success could not well be spelled in large letters. It is a good thing for any school when trustees conceive the best purposes and lend themselves with all heartiness to insure the ultimate good, as we are persuaded is done by these gentlemen. I am told there is utmost harmony prevalent and no bickering among the patrons, a fortunate absence of that bane which too often crowd out and destroy the life of a school, despite heroic effort to overcome it.

The superintendent, Prof. C. B. Hanna, is ably supported by a loyal corps of teachers all of whom have been reelected for the ensuing year.

In the declamation contest, the honor was won by Ernest Hurt, who was given a medal.

In the debate "Resolved, That women should have the right of suffrage," the judges awarded the medal to Miss Lois Tidmarsh.

Col. E. H. Aull, to encourage excellence in English composition and to foster a love for our own Southland, offered a medal for the best composition on "Reconstruction," which was won by Theodore Hay. It was a good paper and will be published later in The Herald and News. In the high school department, there were two graduates, Samuel Gary and Theodore Hay, while several were promoted to that department for the coming scholastic term.

County superintendent of education, Chas. P. Barre, presented the diplomas to the graduating class, prefacing with some pleasing remarks on the value of a liberal education.

Col. E. H. Aull in behalf of the judges, awarded the prizes to the successful contestants, interlarding his remarks, with some spicy and timely admonitions, which it were well for the young to ponder over and appropriate.

The occasion was one of unmixed pleasure. It was a source of inspiration to me. And now, in closing may I add my mite of suggestion to each participant.

"A little learning is a dangerous thing,

VARIOUS AND ALL ABOUT

The O. L. Schumpert chapter will meet with Miss Mildred Evans next Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The Kings Daughters will meet Saturday afternoon, June 10, at 6 o'clock in the Presbyterian church.

The storm on Tuesday evening put about thirty street lights out of commission.

Sunshine, rain, wind, hail, thunder and lightning was the weather program Tuesday afternoon.

There will be union services at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Sunday night at 8:30.

The candidates cards are all printed in this issue of The Herald and News. Read them over and see who are in the race.

Mr. Walter I. Herbert of the Utopia section is announced as a candidate for the legislature in this issue of the paper.

The regular meeting of Jasper chapter U. D. C. has been postponed. Further announcement will be made later.

The Fridy Motor Co. has sold to Rev. L. P. Boland a Ford touring car and to Mr. John Nichols a Ford roadster and to Mr. Fayette Clapp a touring car.

The one arm wonders were again defeated by the Newberry ball team Tuesday afternoon after their defeat on Monday afternoon on the college diamond.

On Wednesday last, P. F. Baxter and Son erected a handsome monument over the grave of Jacob Belton Bedenbaugh in the family burying ground near St. Pauls.

The junior oration of Mr. A. Vigodsky at the opera house was a splendid effort and deserves special mention. His speech was pitched on a high plane and was well delivered. During the storm Tuesday afternoon a barn in number 8 township belonging to Thos. A. Williams was struck by lightning and catching fire was burned to the ground. The loss is estimated at about \$1000.

The members of the Improvement association of Rutherford school are requested to meet Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the school house, business of much importance to be attended to.

The Carolina Cash company's stock was sold to Mr. J. C. Peers of Orangeburg for \$2,535. It is not known whether Mr. Peers will sell out the goods here or whether he will ship them away. Possibly will ship away.

There was a fire at Chappells last Sunday when eight cotton seed houses were burned and a small trestle on the railroad which was soon repaired. The outside stairway to the two story brick store of Mr. Strother was burned.

Mr. W. F. Ewart, for-man of the grand jury, requests the statement that the grand jury would like to have all the magistrates of the county bring their books to the court house on the opening of court next Monday for examination by the grand jury.

Tse barbecue advertised for St. Paul's Lutheran church of July 14 has been changed to July 15. Please make note of this. The change is made so as not to conflict with any of the regular appointments of the county campaign and thus make it possible for all the candidates to be present.

Drink deep or taste not the Pierian Spring."

I congratulate the people of Whitmire on their splendid school, the pride of their hearts.

William E. Pelham, Sr.

The graduates were Samuel Mason Gary, and Theodore Beckett Hay.

Those advanced to the high school were William Coleman, Walter Suber, Herbert Whitley, John Morris, Elizabeth Coleman, Pellere Gary, Ruth Thompson, Sallie Gilliam, Mary Metts and Nellie Holt.

The teachers for next session will be Chas. B. Hanna, superintendent; Miss Alma Lupo, high school assistant; Miss Minnie Lou Bobo, sixth and seventh grades; Miss Nell Fridy, fourth and fifth grades; Miss Lula Donnan, second and third grades; Miss Ella Cross advanced first grade; and Miss S. Ruth Hanna, first grade; Miss Lydie Coleman will again teach music.

HUGHES OVERSHADOWING FIELD OF REPUBLICANS

Chicago, June 7.—More political leaders are predicting the nomination of Justice Charles Evans Hughes tonight than at any time since the Republican national convention began to assemble. They declare that unless the accumulation of overwhelming circumstantial evidence fails to reflect the situation in its true light, the nomination of the justice will come even sooner than has been predicted. The men who take this view are practical politicians whose estimates are based on careful canvass of the delegates.

The situation is illustrated best by the fact that conferences between leaders to discuss the availability of different candidates practically have ceased, indicating their belief that a majority of the delegates already have reached a decision to name Justice Hughes.

Convention observers find it impossible not to be impressed by the confident predictions of these leaders who say that the Hughes boom now has grown to such formidable proportions that Colonel Roosevelt no longer holds the veto power which until this afternoon had been conceded to him; as part of the program to bring the Republican and Progressive parties into accord.

Harmony Efforts Fail.

Four days of constant and persistent effort to bring the two parties together, in which the personality of the nominee was subordinated to harmony, failed to bring the results desired and the trend from the outset was definitely toward the nomination of Justice Hughes.

Had Colonel Roosevelt announced during this period that he would not support the justice the leaders were prepared to turn to any one of the regular Republican candidates. The colonel remained silent, however, and because the managers of other candidacies had fostered the Hughes boom for the purpose of eliminating Roosevelt as a possibility, it grew prodigiously, and even a combination of the favorite sons strength was powerless to check it.

The reason for this was that the candidacy of no other Republican made any progress and delegates pledged to favorite sons found no other presidential possibility but Justice Hughes to whom they could turn their strength. Justice Hughes thus naturally became the choice of practically all delegates instructed for others. They became eager to go to him as soon as they could secure release from their pledges.

300 Votes First Ballot.

Hughes managers tonight reiterated their claim that he will have about 300 votes on the first ballot. Frank H. Hitchcock, spokesman for the Hughes followers, said there would be no attempt to nominate the justice on the first ballot and that it was their desire to have all the favorable son delegates deliver their complimentary votes. He believed, however, that the second ballot with the release of many delegates from their obligations, would swell the Hughes vote to such proportions that his nomination would almost certainly be made on the third ballot. Many of the Hughes supporters were even more optimistic and said they thought that before the result of the second ballot was announced the drift would be apparent to all delegates and there would be enough changes of votes to bring a nomination on the second ballot.

The Hughes managers expect Arizona second on the roll of States to yield to New York so Governor Whitman may place Justice Hughes in nomination. Alabama's delegation is divided and having no candidate to offer, is expected to pass when the State, the first on the roll, is called.

Signing the Pledge.

Sheriff C. G. Blease as the first to sign his pledge and pay his assessment as a candidate for sheriff. Since then the following have signed up: M. M. Buford candidate for sheriff, John C. Goggans candidate for clerk of court, C. C. Schumpert candidate for treasurer, L. M. Player candidate for magistrate for Nos. 1 and 8.